

# THE GULF COAST BREEZE.

Official Organ of Wakulla County, Florida.

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## OBITUARY AND MARRIAGE NOTICES.

Notices of deaths or marriages, containing one hundred words or less, will be published in the BREEZE free of charge. All over one hundred will be charged for at regular advertising rates. Short notice of deaths or marriages are solicited.

## TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Our columns are open to one correspondent at every town and postoffice in Wakulla county. We want the news from each settlement, and correspondents will be allowed to say all the good things they like about their own town or settlement, but not one word will be published running down any other section of the county. We also reserve the right to strike out any unpleasant personalities. We propose to make the BREEZE a county paper and not a personal or local organ.

## NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS AND SUBSCRIBERS.

Transient advertisements must be paid for in advance.

We offer 10 per cent discount on all advertisements making over one column.

Preferred positions will be advanced 50 per cent on regular advertising rates.

Subscribers will oblige us by notifying this office of any failure to receive their paper.

Local or business notices, 5 cents per line first insertion, each subsequent insertion, 3 cents per line.

Notice to discontinue advertisements must be given one week in advance, or parties will be charged for each insertion over-running date.

All letters to this office must be addressed to the

**The Breeze,**  
Crawfordville,  
Fla.

R. Don McLeod, Attorney at Law,  
Crawfordville, Florida.

With practice in all of the courts of Georgia and Florida.

## Legal Advertisements.

## STATEMENT.

Made under Sec. 34, chapter 4322, laws of Florida, showing the amount charged to the Tax Collector of Wakulla county Florida, to be collected for the current year, 1896, and the apportionment of the same to the several funds for which such taxes were levied, including poll tax with county school fund.

Total amount charged,	\$5,972.08
Col. and pd. to Treas., to Aug. 2 1897,	5,445.15
	526.93

## APPORTIONMENT.

County proper tax,	2,304.82
Col. and pd. to Treas., to July 6 1897,	2,161.40
	143.42

County School Tax	2,975.82
Col. and pd. to Treas., to Aug. 2 1897,	2,635.32
	340.50

Judgment tax,	230.48
Col. and pd. to Treas., to Aug. 3 1897	216.14
	14.34

Fine and forfeiture tax,	460.96
Col. and pd. to Treas., to Aug. 2 1897,	432.27
	28.69

Attorney J. I. Harell,  
Aug. 2nd, 1897. Clerk Circuit Court.

## Financial Statement.

Of the Board of Public Instruction  
of Wakulla County.

July 1, 1897

## RECEIPTS.

July 1st To Bal. in hand	\$1,704.48
.. 6th Fr. R. B. Council, Col. Rev.	117.44
.. 10th .. State Compt. acct. taxes	103.35
.. 10th .. F. C. & P. R. R.	3.29
.. 8th .. Treas. on acct. tax sales	1,058.56

## DISBURSEMENTS.

.. Miss Mamie Farley No. teachers salary	500 17.50
.. J. W. White 1 day on board	501 2.50
.. T. T. Ridd 1 day on board	502 3.00
.. Geo. C. Floyd 1 day on board	503 3.50
.. S. M. Revelle 1 month salary as Supt.	504 20.00
	\$ 54.68
Bal.	2,003.88
	2,058.56

We certify that the above report is true and correct in every particular. Attest

S. M. Revelle, J. W. White,  
Co. Supt. Pub. Inst. Chairman.

# LOCAL

Mrs. Dr. Crawford left Friday for her home in Tallahassee.

New Corn of this year's make, is about all that is carried to mill now.

Miss Lula Walker is home again from a visit to friends and relatives in Carabelle.

Our fishermen report large runs and fine catches. Fish are plentiful on the coast now.

A load of fine parrot yams were brought in yesterday by Mr. R. C. McMillan.

There will be regular services at the First Baptist church at Arran on Sunday, the 22nd inst.

Dr. Hall, who has been quite ill at the home of his father-in-law, Mr. Forbes, is back at his post again.

Engineer Mallory of Tallahassee, is here putting Captain Walker's new steam boiler in place for running his gins.

Smallpox being now on three sides of us ought to put us on notice to take precaution to keep it out of Wakulla county.

The boys got beaten playing base ball, but they evened up matters with a delightful ball at the court house that night in which they made a better score.

The fishing season opened up Monday in big shape the coast is alive with fishermen and boats and you can buy large fat mullet at one and half cents.

Mrs. L. D. S. Moore went to Tallahassee Tuesday, to visit friends, and to accompany her little son, Waldense, that far on the way to visit relatives in Madison.

Miss Florida Walker who has been absent for the past two months attending a teachers institute at White Springs, got back home Saturday, to the delight of her many friends.

A friendly game of baseball was played here Saturday afternoon, between the Woodville club and the Crawfordville club. The result was 46 to 18 in favor of Woodville.

Mr. John Henry Ashley and Miss Julia E. Spears, drove up to the residence of Judge Giles late last Sunday afternoon, quietly got married and went on their way rejoicing.

Mr. John H. Howard, of Thomas county, Ga., sent us a dollar last week, and ordered the BREEZE whiffed into his home. His wife being a Wakullian she cannot get along without the BREEZE.

Mr. Joe Winburn, of Tallahassee, was among Crawfordville friends Monday and Tuesday. He came down to buy a tract of Wakulla county land on which to build him a home for the future.

A piece of the rope that hung Dr. Ryder was received here yesterday by Captain Walker. It was presented to him by a friend of his in Tallahassee, a cousin of Miss Sallie Emma Owens, the victim of Ryder's insane jealousy.

Col. McLeod brought home 27 large channel catfish the other day and fed them to his hogs. These fish were caught with hook line in the channels around gulf island and were as clean as any fish in the gulf, but they are seldom eaten here because better fish are so plentiful. We have seen Samps Kitchen sell hundred of just such catfish on the streets of Oglethorpe Ga. at 50 cents each.

Returns from the eight barrels of fine pears shipped last week to New York have been received by Col. Nat Walker. After paying \$12.00 freight on them he had \$2.07 left. From this amount he had to pay \$2.00 for gathering and hauling them to the depot, so he netted seven cents on his eight barrels of pears, and put in his own services for good measure. When he sells pears enough at that rate, he intends to buy a railroad with the money and quit the pear business.

## SEEING A WATERSPOUT.

A waterspout in all its terrible magnificence and grandeur, was seen Monday afternoon by Messrs. R. Don McLeod Sr., Nat R. Walker, Tom Benton and the BREEZE editor.

The party had been fishing along the edges of Gulf Island, and seeing a dark dangerous looking cloud rising had started back to the mouth of Spring creek.

When about half way out in the bay they were struck by a little squall, and looking off to the Westward they saw the waterspout, whirling around at a lively rate about half a mile away.

The clouds seemed to bend down and catch up the water as it was carried around and upward by the whirling wind.

The phenomena is awfully grand, and is interesting to behold in spite of its dangerous character.

The general course of the wind was almost directly from the waterspout to our boat, and we were all figuring hastily on the best course to pursue in case of a capsize, when the spout veered off Southward to the Gulf, passing directly over the spot where we had been fishing, and left us to pursue our course, undisturbed.

T. B. Byrd.

An unsolicited order for advertising space accompanied by a check to cover the bill, came this week from Tallahassee's leading grocery merchant, confectioner, and baker, T. B. Byrd.

Mr. Byrd wants a share of the trade of Wakulla county, and he reaches out after it with an advertisement in your home paper, thus helping you to support a local enterprise, while soliciting your patronage.

Mr. Byrd started business in Tallahassee about 15 years ago without money. His capital stock consisted of a reputation for honesty, square dealing and courteous treatment of customers that he had won as a clerk.

By close attention to his business and judicious advertising, letting the people know where he was and what he was there for, he has built up a business that any merchant would feel proud to own, and is extending it every day.

Read his local ad's and call on him when you need any thing in his line.

From the Grand Junction (Iowa) Globe, edited by Elmo Riggs, we clip the following:

We are pleased to say that among our Florida exchanges, none of them is read with more interest than the Gulf Coast Breeze and the Floridian. Our father, W. E. Riggs, was a resident of Wakulla county several years, and ran a saw mill at the oil still. He played ball in Crawfordville, and says the oil still boys came out ahead. He was also a resident of Tallahassee, and was well acquainted with Col. Chas. Dyke, the founder of the Floridian. Also his son Chas. Jr. Also with the Governor, W. D. Bloxham. He speaks of very high terms of Wakulla county.

A newspaper whose columns overflow with advertisements of business men has more influence in attracting to and building up a city or town than any other agency that can be employed. People go where there is business. Capital and labor locate where there is an enterprising community. No power on earth is so strong to build up a town as a newspaper well patronized, and its power should be appreciated.—Rev. Dowitt Talmage.

Spare the bull-bat it is the most harmless of all birds, it feeds entirely on insects, principally gnats and mosquitoes, and thousands of those pests are destroyed each day by one bull bat, therefore spare this innocent bird. It makes but a mouthful when cooked and is not really worth for eating purposes the ammunition it takes to kill it, and it is too useful to be killed for sport.

Capt. Walker has bought a brand new engine and boiler for running his cotton gins and mill. It is larger and more powerful than his old outfit, and he will be better equipped this season than ever before for handling the cotton crop.

A canning factory to be located at Arran, is being figured on by Mr. Lynn. Such an enterprise would be a big advantage to this entire section. It would make a market for hundreds of bushels of fruits and vegetables and it ought to be encouraged.

## Pearls in Wakulla.

Nature has been so lavish in her gifts to Wakulla county that nothing in the way of natural resources surprises us here.

From the Jacksonville Times Union of the 17th we clip the following item:—Florida has at least one river in which pearls of great price have been found, a record of which even goes back as far as DeSoto's time, this is the lower Ocklocknee and Sopchoppy river in Wakulla county. History says that DeSoto, going West, crossed the Ocklocknee at what is now known as Langston's ferry, in Wakulla county, about twenty miles above McIntyre, on the C. T. & G. railroad, and about thirty miles from the mouth of the river, and that where this expedition crossed the river pearls of great value were found and sent to Spain. It is an unquestionable fact that numerous gems have been found in this river.

A Mr. Houston, who lives on the Ocklocknee, has some in his possession now, and samples were sent to the Philadelphia exposition, and were pronounced valuable gems. The pearls are found not only in the oyster, but in the large clams or mussels which grow to an enormous size, and are the largest at the confluence of the Sopchoppy and Ocklocknee rivers, about five miles below McIntyre, on the C. T. & G. railroad. The West bank of the Ocklocknee here, and both banks of the Sopchoppy are almost solid banks of shell. The beds of the rivers also contain the oyster, mussels and clams of prodigious size, from which these rare gems have been taken. The oyster shell found on the Ocklocknee, after taking off the muddy crust, is said to be of almost transparent pearl.

Just why this industry has not been developed is not precisely known, but it is believed that if public attention is called to these facts the value of the statements may be investigated. There is no question but that the oyster shell of the Ocklocknee river is a valuable one, and it is also unquestionably true that pearls of great worth have been found in them.

Elsie Dick, a 13 year old Louisville girl has been asleep for 26 days and nights, and her physicians say that she may sleep a week longer. A severe attack of typhoid fever brought on this unnatural slumber.

Remember that the BREEZE blows for all, and for every section of Wakulla county alike. It is our desire and intention to wait it into the home of every citizen of the county if possible. Sample copies have been sent to the head of every family in the county whose address we could learn. If any have failed to get a copy, they can get a sample free of charge by sending us their address.

7 lb's. of coffee, \$1.00, at—  
—W. W. Walker's.

Big stocks of new goods are coming in every day for our merchants. Look out for their ads.

## NOTICE.

Attention teachers. The Teachers examination will be held in the court house at Crawfordville on Tuesday the 7th day of September 1897, at 9 o'clock a.m. All persons desiring teachers certificates are cordially invited to attend.

This Aug. 18, 1897.  
STEPHEN M. REVELL,  
County Supt. Wakulla County.

..F. W. Duval..

—Dealer in—

=General - Merchandise=

Crawfordville - Florida.

T. B. Byrd, Tallahassee, Fla., with a sample order for family and fancy groceries, confectionaries, and first class bakers goods. He carries a stock from which all can be suited in quality and price.

Arbucks Roasted Coffee, only 20c per lb at—  
—W. W. Walker's.

Ammunition and general stock of sporting goods,  
T. B. Byrd, Tallahassee.

Starch only 5 cts lb at—  
—W. W. Walker's.

Complete line of canned goods,  
T. B. Byrd, Tallahassee, Fla.

Fine Colognes and Extracts,—  
—Towles Drug Store.

For baker's bread, cakes, pies, and picnic and fishing lunches, call on  
T. B. Byrd, Tallahassee.

All goods strictly first class and will be sold for the cash, as low as any house in town.  
W. W. Walker.

Largest and most varied stock of loaded shells in Florida. Send for what you want.  
T. B. Byrd, Tallahassee Fla.,

Tanglefoot Fly Paper cheap—  
—at W. W. Walker's.

A full line of fine Toilet Soaps, Tooth Powders and Brushes, Face Powders etc., at Towles' Drug Store.

High grade fishing tackle, cast nets, seines, etc.,  
T. B. Byrd, Tallahassee.

1 doz. spools of cotton of the best make, with a silver thimble free, for 50 cts. at—  
—W. W. Walker's.

Six 5 ct. cans of Baking powder for 25 cts. at—  
—W. W. Walker's.

## New Hardware Store.

We have recently opened up a new hardware store next door to the Tallahasseean office. A full line of all kinds of Hardware, Agricultural Implements, Stoves, Tinware, &c. Also Lime, Cement, Plaster, Brick and Hair.  
Call and see us.  
Gilmore & Davis Co.,  
Tallahassee Florida.